

and cultural and arts institutions, such as the Southern Theatre;

Whereas leading retail corporations, health care and insurance companies, and financial institutions call Columbus their home, attracted by the city's world-class workforce and cultural outlets;

Whereas Columbus serves as a leader in cutting-edge medical research and hospital systems through the Ohio State Medical Center and the Arthur James Cancer Hospital and Richard J. Solove Research Institute, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Mt. Carmel Hospital, Riverside Community Hospital, and Grant Medical Center;

Whereas Columbus is home to green space and parks that are used as both community gathering locations and to honor pioneers, including Shrum Mound, one of the last remaining conical burial mounds in the United States, which dates back more than 2,000 years;

Whereas Columbus is also home to the Midwest's largest Fourth of July Festival and the famed Ohio State Fair;

Whereas Columbus combines excellence in art and culture with professional sports teams such as the Columbus Clippers, the Columbus Crew, and the Columbus Blue Jackets;

Whereas Columbus is Ohio's most populous city and the 15th largest city in the United States, as well as one of the fastest growing cities in the Eastern United States;

Whereas February 14, 2012, marks the 200th anniversary of the founding of Columbus, Ohio; and

Whereas the citizens of Columbus will commemorate a year-long bicentennial celebration with the theme of "Honor the Past. Celebrate the Present. Envision the Future." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) celebrates the bicentennial anniversary of the founding of the City of Columbus, the capital of the State of Ohio; and

(2) honors the important economic, cultural, educational, and artistic contributions that the people of Columbus have made to this Nation over the past 200 years.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1569. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1570. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1571. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1572. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1515 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1573. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1574. Mr. ISAKSON (for himself and Mr. CHAMBLISS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1575. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted an

amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1576. Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. UDALL of New Mexico) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1577. Mr. LEE submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1578. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1584. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1585. Mr. DEMINT (for himself, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HELLER, and Mr. PAUL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1586. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

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SA 1590. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1591. Mr. KOHL (for himself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. VITTER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1592. Mrs. FEINSTEIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1593. Mr. DEMINT submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1594. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1595. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1596. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the

bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1597. Mr. COBURN (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1598. Mr. COBURN (for himself, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. BURR, Mr. LEE, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. ISAKSON, and Mr. COATS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1599. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1600. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1601. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. LEE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1515 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1602. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1603. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1604. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. FRANKEN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1605. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1606. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1607. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. SANDERS, and Ms. LANDRIEU) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1608. Mr. VITTER submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1609. Mrs. McCASKILL submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1610. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1611. Mr. KERRY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1612. Mr. BEGICH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1613. Mr. BEGICH (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1515 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1614. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Mr. CASEY, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. BROWN of Ohio, Mr. FRANKEN, and Ms. COLLINS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1615. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. SESSIONS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1616. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1617. Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. ROBERTS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, *supra*; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 1569. Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Mr. WICKER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In division D, on page 119, strike line 8 and all that follows through “(B)” on line 14, and insert the following:

“(A) for public transportation systems that operate fewer than 50 buses during peak service hours, in an amount not to exceed 100 percent of the share of the apportionment which is attributable to such systems within the urbanized area, as measured by vehicle revenue hours;

“(B) for public transportation systems that operate a minimum of 50 buses and a maximum of 75 buses during peak service hours, in an amount not to exceed 50 percent of the share of the apportionment which is attributable to such systems within the urbanized area, as measured by vehicle revenue hours; and

“(C)

SA 1570. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . NATURAL GAS ENERGY AND ALTERNATIVES REBATE PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) ALTERNATIVE FUEL.—The term “alternative fuel” means natural gas, liquid petroleum gas, hydrogen, or fuel cell.

(2) ALTERNATIVELY FUELED BUS.—The term “alternatively fueled bus” means—

(A) a school bus (as defined in section 390.5 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) that operates on alternative fuel;

(B) a multifunction school activity bus (as defined in section 571.3 of title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) that operates on alternative fuel; or

(C) a motor vehicle that—

(i) provides public transportation (as defined in section 5302(a)(10) of title 49, United States Code); and

(ii) operates on alternative fuel.

(3) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term eligible entity means—

(A) a public or private entity providing transportation exclusively for school students, personnel, and equipment; or

(B) a public entity providing mass transit services to the public.

(b) REBATE PROGRAM.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Transportation shall establish the Natural Gas En-

ergy and Alternatives Rebates Program (referred to in this section as the “NGEAR Program”) to subsidize the purchase of alternatively fueled buses by eligible entities.

(2) AMOUNTS.—An eligible entity that purchases an alternatively fueled bus during the period beginning on the date of the enactment of this Act and ending on December 31, 2016, is eligible to receive a rebate from the Department of Transportation under this subsection in an amount equal to the lesser of—

(A) 30 percent of the purchase price of the alternatively fueled bus; or

(B) \$15,000.

(3) APPLICATION.—Eligible entities desiring a rebate under the NGEAR Program shall submit an application to the Secretary of Transportation that contains copies of relevant sales invoices and any additional information that the Secretary of Transportation may require.

SA 1571. Mr. CASEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . CLEAN VEHICLE CORRIDORS PROGRAM.

(a) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this section is to establish the Clean Vehicle Corridors Program—

(1) to provide market certainty to drive private and commercial capital investment in economic clean transportation options;

(2) to promote clean transportation technologies that will—

(A) lead to increased diversity and dissemination of alternative fuel options; and

(B) enable the United States to bridge the gap from foreign energy imports to secure, domestically produced energy; and

(3) to facilitate clean transportation incentives that will—

(A) attract a critical mass of clean transportation vehicles that will give alternative fueling stations an assured customer base and market certitude;

(B) provide for ongoing increases in energy demands;

(C) support the growth of jobs and businesses in the United States; and

(D) reduce vehicular petroleum use and emissions.

(b) DESIGNATION OF CLEAN VEHICLE CORRIDORS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 1 year after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, shall designate 10 Clean Vehicle Corridors routed along Federal highways or other contiguous highways (large thoroughfares).

(2) SOURCES OF INPUT.—In carrying out paragraph (1), the Secretary shall seek input from Federal, State, and local entities, non-governmental organizations, and individual residents regarding where the Clean Vehicle Corridors should be located.

(3) EFFECT.—In conjunction with the designations under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall—

(A) encourage the promotion of rapid-fueling compressed natural gas, liquefied natural gas, liquefied petroleum gas, plug-in electric, biofuel, hydrogen and other clean fuels, as determined by the Secretary; and

(B) facilitate the development of policies needed to develop the infrastructure necessary to support clean vehicles, including fueling stations, rest stops, travel plazas, or

other service areas on Federal or private property, which—

(i) are most practically located along a Clean Vehicle Corridor; and

(ii) would be available to support all clean vehicles regardless of ownership.

(4) PUBLICATION.—The Secretary shall maintain a publicly available website that contains relevant information and resources regarding Clean Vehicle Corridors.

(c) INTERSTATE COMPACTS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—An interstate compact between 3 or more contiguous States to establish a regional Clean Vehicle Corridor agency to facilitate planning for, and siting of, necessary facilities within the participating States shall be subject to congressional approval.

(2) TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.—The Secretary of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of Energy, may provide technical assistance to the regional agencies described in paragraph (1).

SA 1572. Mr. LEVIN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 1515 proposed by Mr. REID (for Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota (for himself and Mr. SHELBY)) to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In division D, on page 164, after line 24, add the following:

“(9) PROGRAMS OF PROJECTS WITH SIGNIFICANT PRIVATE FUNDING.—For purposes of determining whether a group of projects is a program of interrelated projects under subsection (a)(5), the Secretary shall deem a project to be developed simultaneously with another project in the group if—

“(A) the project is funded primarily with private contributions;

“(B) the planning and project development process overlaps for all program elements; and

“(C) the significant private contributions have allowed the project to proceed more rapidly and reach a more advanced phase than the other project at the time of submission under paragraph (1).

SA 1573. Mr. LIEBERMAN (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1813, to reauthorize Federal-aid highway and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . LIMITATION ON STATE TAXATION OF COMPENSATION EARNED BY NONRESIDENT TELECOMMUTERS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 4, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 127. Limitation on State taxation of compensation earned by nonresident telecommuters

“(a) IN GENERAL.—In applying its income tax laws to the compensation of a nonresident individual, a State may deem such nonresident individual to be present in or working in such State for any period of time only if such nonresident individual is physically present in such State for such period and such State may not impose nonresident income taxes on such compensation with respect to any period of time when such nonresident individual is physically present in another State.